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**CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) A language module (i) which is attachable to an appliance, (ii) which is configured to communicate directly with the appliance when so attached without the use of a network which extends outside the appliance, and (iii) which is configured to perform language-specific tasks at the request of the appliance by:

receiving an instruction for language-specific processing from the appliance; and  
sending resulting data of the language-specific processing to the appliance.

2. (Original) The language module of Claim 1 wherein the language module is configured to perform language-specific tasks according to a subject language at the requests of the appliance by also:

receiving data representing a character in the subject language; and  
sending data specifying a graphical representation of the character to the appliance.

3. (Original) The language module of Claim 1 wherein the language module is configured to perform language-specific tasks according to a subject language at the request of the appliance by also:

receiving data representing a user input gesture; and  
sending data representing one or more language units of the subject language in

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accordance with the user input gesture.

4. (Original) The language module of Claim 3 wherein the language units are characters.
5. (Original) The language module of Claim 3 wherein the language units are words.
6. (Original) The language module of Claim 3 wherein the language units are phrases.
7. (Original) The language module of Claim 3 wherein sending comprises:  
selecting the one or more language units according to one or more preceding language units which were previously specified by the user.
8. (Original) The language module of Claim 7 wherein selecting comprises:  
determining word-continuation relationships between the preceding language units and the one or more language units.
9. (Original) The language module of Claim 7 wherein selecting comprises:  
determining name-continuation relationships between the preceding language units and the one or more language units.

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10. (Original) The language module of Claim 3 wherein the language module is configured to perform language-specific tasks according to the subject language at the request of the appliance by also:

    sending data representing one or more language unit components which are of the subject language and which correspond to the user input gesture.